

NYS Junior Holstein Dairy Jeopardy CONTEST RULES AND REGULATIONS

Adapted from Holstein USA

Dairy Jeopardy is a dairy knowledge competition that allows youth to compete as individuals. Styled after the popular television game show, questions are similar to those asked in Dairy Bowl. The contestants demonstrate their ability to think on their feet and wager points based on their knowledge of topics ranging from "Bovine Health" and "Breed All About It" (questions about the different breeds of dairy cattle) to "Milk Marketing" and "The Tanbark Trail".

The contest will consist of a minimum of 2 rounds of play for each age division. Each contest shall consist of six categories, each with five questions, with a point value of 10, 20, 30, 40, and 50 points. Six players will compete at one time. The number of players per contest in Round 1 will be dependent on the number of contestants. For example if there are 30 players, there will be 5 games of 6 players; if there are 34 contestants, then there could be 4 games of six players and 2 games of 5 players. In the event that there are fewer than 6 players, categories will be eliminated from the game board proportionally to the number of players. Every effort will be made to include all who are interested in participating in the contest.

There will be deductions for wrong answers, failing to signal, not waiting to be recognized and failing to give an answer.

Eligibility

Contestants eligible for the National contest must be between the ages of 9-20 as of January 1. Age division breakdowns are as follows:

Novice: 8 years and younger (only competes at NY Jr Holstein Convention)

Junior: 9-13 years old as of January 1

Intermediate: 14-17 years old as of January 1

Senior: 18-20 years old as of January 1

The winning individual in each division, Junior, Intermediate and Senior has the opportunity to represent New York Junior Holstein at the following National Convention. Additional spots may be available. An individual may not compete in both Dairy Jeopardy and Dairy Bowl at the National level in the same year.

Entry deadline is January 1. If there are openings available, signup will be allowed at the Convention.

Sources

Questions will be taken from a variety of sources from the last three years. Questions will cover feeds and feeding, milk quality, herd health, udder health, breeding and genetics, marketing, dairy foods, calf raising and other dairy topics. Although questions may come from a variety of sources, most questions will be selected from:

- Hoard's Dairyman magazine
- Hoard's Dairyman books
 - Calf Care
 - Feeding Guide (4th edition)
 - Dairy Cattle Fertility
 - Corn Silage: From Feed to Seed
- Dairy Herd Management magazine and website
- National Dairy Shrine's First 50 Years
- Progress of the Breed

- Progressive Dairy
- Red Book
- The Pulse
- We Need a Show
- Holstein Foundation Workbooks and sample questions
- www.holsteinusa.com
- www.dairy.org
- www.worlddairyexpo.com
- New York Holstein News

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Rules

1. There will be a minimum of two rounds of play. In each round all the questions will be the same. An individual's score must be greater than zero to advance to any round of play. Using the third round of play will be at the discretion of moderator, judges and Dairy Jeopardy Staff.
2. Round 1 - All contestants participate in Round 1. Depending on the number of contestants, up to 12 contestants will be selected to go on to Round 2.
3. In case of a tie for one of the top twelve positions after Round 1, then a sudden death tie breaker question(s) would be asked of only those contestants that are affected by the tie. Example: Top eleven are in place; three contestants tie with a score of 100 and are all tied for 12th place. Question(s) would be asked until one contestant becomes the 12th person eligible for Round 2.
4. Round 2 - The top contestants (up to 12) from Round 1 will advance to play a second round. The top contestants will be announced at the completion of Round 1. The top six contestants with positive scores on points earned from Round 2 only will then go on to play in Round 3/Final Jeopardy.
5. In case of a tie for one of the top six positions after Round 2 then a sudden death tie breaker question(s) would be asked of only those contestants that are affected by the tie. Example: Top five are in place; three contestants tie with a score of 100 and are all tied for 6th place. Question(s) would be asked until one contestant becomes the 6th person eligible for Round 3/Final Jeopardy.
6. 2 Round System - The top contestants (up to 6) based on scores in Round 2 will have the opportunity to answer a "Final Jeopardy" question. Contestants with zero or negative points will be ineligible to participate in the final question. The answer will be in written form with spelling not essential, however the moderator and judges must agree on the correctness of the answer. Once the Final Jeopardy category is revealed the contestant must wager (in 10 point increments, for ease of scoring) all, part, or none of the points they have earned throughout the contest. Contestants will have 30 seconds to answer the question. A correct answer grants all the points wagered to the contestant. An incorrect answer will result in the points wagered being deducted from the score.
7. 3 Round System - The top contestants (up to 6) from Round 2 play will advance to play a third round. The top contestants will not be announced until Round 2 has been completed. At the end of Round 3 each of the contestants will have an opportunity to answer a "Final Jeopardy" question providing they have 10 or more points from Round 2. Contestants with zero or negative points will be ineligible to participate in the final question. The answer will be in written form with

spelling not essential, however the moderator and judges must agree on the correctness of the answer. Once the Final Jeopardy category is revealed the contestant must wager (in 10 point increments, for ease of scoring) all, part, or none of the points they have earned in Round 3. Contestants will have 30 seconds to answer the question. A correct answer grants all the points wagered to the contestant. An incorrect answer will result in the points wagered being deducted from the score.

8. There shall be two bonus questions in each round. The contestants will not know prior to the contest which categories and point values contain the bonus questions. The contestant can wager (in 10 point increments, for ease of scoring) all, part, or none of the points they have accumulated to this point plus the value of the question. A correct answer grants all the points wagered to the contestant. An incorrect answer will result in the points wagered being deducted from the score.
9. If a contestant becomes eligible for a bonus question and the contestant has no points the contestant will be permitted to wager up to the point value of the question. Example: Contestant has no points, selects Feed for 40 points. The wager can not exceed 40 points. If the contestant correctly answers the question he or she will receive 40 points; if incorrect the score will become negative.
10. Throughout the contest, a card drawing will be used to determine who goes first. The player with the last correct answer will select the next category and point value.
11. Answers may be in the form of a question or statement. Example: 10-point question is "basic structural unit of protein". Acceptable answer forms would be "What are amino acids?" or "amino acids".
12. A contestant wishing to answer any question must activate the signaling device. When a signaling device (buzzer) is activated, the video screen will go blank. Since more than one contestant may think they have signaled the device, contestants may not answer until acknowledged by the moderator. After being acknowledged by the moderator, the contestant must immediately begin an answer. If the contestant who buzzes in fails to give the correct answer or start an answer immediately, then the question will come back up on the screen and the question will be offered to another contestant to buzz in. If no one buzzes in within 5 seconds, the moderator will move on to the next question.
13. There will be deductions for wrong answers, failing to signal, not waiting to be recognized and failing to give an answer. The amount of points deducted will be determined by the point value of the question. If the contestant does not begin answering almost immediately or fails to give the correct answer, it will be declared incorrect and the question will be reread once, and another contestant has the chance to buzz in. If no one buzzes in within 5 seconds, the moderator will move on to the next question.
14. If a contestant answers without signaling, or waiting to be recognized by the moderator, the answer will be declared invalid and the point value of the question will be deducted. The question will then be offered to the opposing individuals.
15. If a contestant signals and is recognized, but fails to start an answer immediately, the contestant will lose points and the question will be offered to the opposing individuals. The amount of points deducted will be determined by the point value of the question.
16. If the answer is incorrect or incomplete, the other contestants will have one more opportunity to answer as determined by the buzzers. The moderator will not reread the question, unless it was not read in its entirety the first time. The judge may not ask the contestant to explain his or her answer.

17. If no contestant can offer an answer to the question within 5 seconds, the question will be dropped and no contestant will forfeit points.
18. If the moderator questions the answer, a judge will determine if the answer is correct or incorrect. There will be no challenges to the answers at the time of the contest. The decision of the judge is final. Any spectator or coach who questions or argues with a judge or moderator or interferes with the running of the contest will be asked to leave.
19. All contestants must stay in the staging room during the contest unless competing. Once an individual has been eliminated, contestants can leave.
20. The contestant with the most points will be declared the winner. The player with the next greatest points will be declared second place, etc. Contest winners will be eligible to represent the New York State Junior Holstein Association at the National Convention Dairy Jeopardy Contest.
21. Use of the rest rooms will be one person at a time. Each contestant is requested to maintain a respectable demeanor throughout the contest. Any disruptions in either the contest room or the holding room will result in the immediate elimination of the individual in question from the contest.

Clarification of acceptable answers:

Full names of animals - a contestant must use the full registration name of an animal with the exclusion of suffix. If the suffix is used, it must be correct, i.e., ET versus ETS or *TD versus *TM.

Examples:

Lexvold Luke Hershel	Correct
Lexvold Luke Hershel-ET	Correct
Hershel	Incorrect
Lexvold Luke Hershel -Twin	Incorrect
Lexvold Luke Hershel -ETS	Incorrect

Names of people - when giving a specific person's name, the last name only will be acceptable. The first name, prefix, or suffix is not necessary but, if given, it must be correct.

Examples:

Meyer	Correct
John Meyer	Correct
Gene Meyer	Incorrect
Meyers	Incorrect

Pronunciation - judges must recognize answers given as mispronunciation. The error in pronunciation can affect the correctness of an answer.

Example: For a question with antibody as an answer, antibiotic is not correct.

Volunteering information - if a contestant first gives a correct answer and goes on to add incorrect information, the entire question will be ruled incorrect.

Correcting answers - if a contestant gives a complete answer, he or she cannot make a correction. If a partial incorrect answer is given and the contestant makes the correction mid-answer or word, the corrected answer will not be accepted.

Electronic Devices

The use of cell phones or other electronic devices is strictly prohibited during the contest and in holding rooms. Violations will result in dismissal from the contest. Audience members will also be required to turn off all electronic devices.

Videotaping

Videotaping and or recording will not be allowed. We request that no pictures be taken during the actual competition.

Officials

Moderator - The moderator assumes complete direction of all contests, asks all questions, designates contestants to answer questions, accepts, or rejects all answers unless overruled by both judges. He/she may seek interpretation of questions and answers from judges. The moderator designates the winner of each contest and shall at all times be in charge; having the final voice in all decisions, except for answers to questions which are ruled on unanimously by judges.

Judge - Two judges are to be used who are knowledgeable in the subject matter. The judges may rule individually or jointly on the acceptability of any answer. Either both judges, or one judge and the moderator, must agree on the acceptability or rejection of a question and/or answer.

Program/Equipment Operator - One individual will be used to make sure the program and equipment is operating to its full potential.

Timekeeper - One individual will be used to record time and to indicate to the moderator the expiration of the time allowed in which to answer questions.

Scorekeeper - One individual will keep official scores on each contest, while another individual writes scores so they are visible to the moderator, the contestants, and the viewing audience if possible.

Door Guard - One individual will be used to control the flow of the room. Once the contest has begun no one will be allowed to enter the contest room.

TIPS FOR PREPARING FOR THE NEW YORK HOLSTEIN DAIRY JEOPARDY CONTEST

- Watch the television show "Jeopardy". Observe how the contestants wager for Bonus Questions and Final Jeopardy.
- Learn the Holstein Foundation website questions. Each question refers to a specific article in either Hoard's Dairyman or Holstein World. Read each article. There may be additional information that you need to familiarize yourself with regarding the subject matter.
- Other sources of information for the contest include: Holstein Foundation workbooks (there is a multitude of information in these nine publications which can be downloaded from the Holstein Foundation web site); visit the Holstein Association website: www.holsteinusa.com to learn as much as you can about the Holstein breed and the activities and programs the Association offers (read "The Pulse" newsletter).
- Thoroughly read the rules and regulations.
- Make a list of abbreviations, diseases, people, cows, places etc. This will help you learn the material in a non-question form which could be very beneficial.